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## TIMBER INDUSTRY IMPROVES PRODUCTION

KARELO-FINNISH INDUSTRY FAILS PLAN -- *Leninskoye Znamya*, No 2, 4 Jan 49

Although the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR achieved, during 1948, the prewar level of production for preparation of wood and 87 percent of the 1940 figure for hauling, the 1948 plan was not fulfilled. A majority of the lumbering enterprises showed a lag in production. Primary reasons for this lag appear to be improper use and lack of knowledge of machinery, and insufficient organization to get the most out of the available resources.

KARELIAN PAPER FACTORY COMPLETES PLAN -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 2,  
4 Jan 49

The Iya-kelya Paper Factory, Karelo-Finnish SSR, completed the 1948 plan for production. Lowering of production costs resulted in a saving of 850,000 rubles during 1948. Paper-making machine No 3 and defibrer No 4 have been restored to operation. The factory itself supplied 100,000 rubles worth of parts for these machines.

NEARLY PAPER COMBINE SUCCEEDS -- *Leninskoye Znaniye*, No 2, 4 Jan 49

The Kharlu Combine (director, Kadzheb) has completed the 1948 plan for paper production, with gross production 20 percent over plan. Introduction of new, technically proven production rates raised the labor efficiency of the combine 9 percent. A total of 454 outdated norms were reviewed and replaced. Production costs were reduced considerably; the combine saved 1,400,000 rubles. Introduction of cost accounting into the cellulose plant and the paper factory alone saved over 350,000 rubles in four months. Over 300,000 rubles were saved by means of mechanization and organization of production.

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KARELIAN TIMBER MANAGEMENT FULFILLS PLAN -- *Leninskoye Znamya*, No 2,  
4 Jan 49

The Kemskiy Rayon Timber Management (secretary of rayon Party committee, Rudakov; chairman of executive committee of rayon soviet, Gor'yachev; director of Kemskiy Timber Management, Kurochkin) fulfilled the fourth quarter plan 105 percent for preparation of wood and 100 percent for hauling. Average production during the quarter for hauling was 8.8 cubic meters of wood per horse per day.

KLAPPEDA PAPER COMBINE IMPROVES ECONOMY -- *Sovetskaya Litva*, No 49,  
1 Mar 49

A meeting of Party representatives and management of Klappeda Cellulose and Paper Combine was held to discuss speeding up the turnover of working capital.

The combine fulfilled the 1948 production plan ahead of schedule and saved about 4 million rubles. For every ruble of working capital, the output of the combine amounted to 6 rubles and 67 kopecks.

It was decided to speed up the turnover of working capital by 3 days and to release one million rubles of working capital.

BELORUSSIAN LUMBER INDUSTRY -- *Leninskoye Znamya*, No 2, 4 Jan 49

The Belorussian SSR lumber and paper industry completed the 1948 plan. The amount of pulpwood prepared and hauled during 1948 exceeded the 1947 figure by almost 2 million cubic feet.

NEW WORKERS IN Khabarovsk TIMBER -- *Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda*, No 20,  
26 Jan 49

The timber industry of Khabarovsk Kray is receiving new personnel. More than 450 workers recently arrived from Altay Kray, Kirov Oblast, and the Udmurt ASSR, and were assigned to permanent work in the Vyazemskiy, Dormidontovskiy and Svyatogorskiy Timber Managements. More than 1,000 additional workers are expected soon from Altay Kray for work in the Khabarovsk timber industry.

TIMBER INDUSTRY INCREASES MECHANIZATION -- *Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda*, No 30,  
6 Feb 49

The recent third plenum of the Khabarovsk Kray Committee of the VKP (b) ordered the "Khabarovskles" Trust, Party organizations, and directors of timber managements to increase mechanization in logging and hauling timber to 40 percent, and to 70 percent in timber transport in 1949. The goal for the Kray timber industry in 1949, to exceed the prewar level, can be achieved only by further mechanization. Logging plans have not been fulfilled since the beginning of the year. The "Khabarovskles" Trust met the January plan for transport only 71.8 percent, and has not improved in February. One of the chief causes for the lag is that individual timber managements are not making effective use of their machines. Thirty percent of the loggers are not fulfilling their quotas. No less than 80 percent of the permanent workers, all kolkhoz workers who have taken up logging work, should be placed in direct logging operations.

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PRIMORSKIY TIMBER MANAGERMENTS INEFFICIENT -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 11,  
14 Jan 49

Work of the timber managements of Primorskiy Kray has not noticeably improved since early January. Of the 15 enterprises of "Primorskles" Trust, only the Verkhne-Suchan Timber Management and the Lefinskiy Wood-working Combine have been completing the daily schedule. Chief cause for lack of improvement is inefficient use of production methods. Only six of the 16 mobile electric power plants, and only 19 of the 106 electric saws are now in operation in the "Primorskles" Trust. The number of electric saws in use in the logging areas has decreased by 20 since the beginning of the year.

FAR EAST COLLECTS SEED FOR SHELTER BELTS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 27,  
3 Feb 49

Workers in 115 forests of Khabarovsk and Primorskiy Krays, the Transbaykal and the Yakut ASSR are collecting seed to send to the various regions of the USSR where forest shelter belts are being planted. The collected seed is sent first to the Far East Control Station in Khabarovsk to be tested. More than 96,000 kilograms of various types of seed have already been collected, part of which has been sent to the Moscow region and to Kuybyshev Oblast.

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